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REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. The Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-4, 8-13 AND 16-19 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 8-13 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Melnik patent (United States Patent No. 6,046,978, issued April 4, 2000, hereinafter "Melnik"). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4, 8-13 and 16-19 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is moot.

II. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 5-7, 14-15 AND 20 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Claims 5-7 and 20

The Examiner rejected claims 5-7 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being made obvious by Melnik. In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 5-7 and 20 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

B. Claims 14-15

The Examiner rejected claims 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being made obvious by Melnik in view of the Hwang et al. patent (United States Patent No. 6,671,265, issued December 30, 2003, hereinafter "Hwang"). In response, the Applicants have cancelled claims 14-15 without prejudice. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

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III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the comments regarding the allowance of claims 21-22.

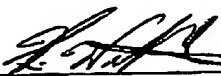
IV. CONCLUSION

Thus, the Applicants submit that none of the presented claims is anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102 or made obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all of the presented claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring maintenance of the adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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